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Governor's Innovative Grant Invitation 2004-2005

I would first like to commend the many educators who submitted the exciting innovative ideas to my office. We have had great feedback from those that received awards. Paula Smith's class used the funds to create and publish journals; Helen Larrusea's class created a 3-D Zoo Project to study the habitat of animals; and Jan Young's class used the money to create a Mexico project to promote relationships with other countries. These are just a few of the innovative ideas developed by Idaho Educators.

I invite you to submit a proposal for the Governor's Innovative Grant for the upcoming school year. I was again able to secure \$85,000, which will provide approximately 170 grants at \$500 each. The grants went underutilized last year and I would like to challenge you, the Educators of Idaho, to submit your innovative ideas to my office no later than **Friday, September 10, 2004**. I am anxious to see the ideas that surface for this upcoming school year.

The proposal and reporting processes remain simple. I'm more interested in your valuable time being spent on lessons and not grant applications. I hope to see some innovative proposals in reading, student-to-student mentoring programs, classroom options, and programs wherein our youth interact with our senior citizens. However, I welcome all ideas you care to submit. Thank you for your service to our children.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Dirk Kempthorne". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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Request for Proposal Requirements (RFP)
Governor's Innovative Grant
2004-2005

1. Contact Information **must include** the following:
 - a. Teacher's name, grade/subject, telephone number
 - b. The complete name, address, and telephone number of School District.
 - c. The complete name of your School Superintendent.
 - d. The complete name, address, and telephone number of your School
 - e. The complete name of your Principal.
2. Grant proposals should be limited to one (1) typed page.
 - a. A description of your innovative idea
 - b. Accounting of how grant dollars will be spent.
 - c. Authorizing signature of Principal or Superintendent.
3. Grant funds **will not** be rewarded for things such as:
 - a. Rewards, Travel, Lunches, Refreshments
 - b. Requests for actual learning materials or supplies **must supplement** your Innovative Idea.
4. All grant proposals must be routed through your building principal or district superintendents.
5. Deadline for proposals **must be** postmarked on or before **September 10, 2004**.
6. Please mail proposals to:

Parra Byron, Education Policy Advisor Office: (208) 334-2100
Office of Governor Kempthorne Fax: (208) 334-3454
Innovative Grant Program Email: mailto:pbyron@gov.state.id.us
State Capitol
Boise, ID 83720
7. Applicants will be notified by October 1, 2004 as to the final determination of their grants.
8. Grant monies will be forwarded from the Office of the State Board of Education in Early October to district offices. Contact your district office for date of disbursement to your school.
9. Grant recipients must submit a brief synopsis of how their innovation worked.